(e) Tre CIF cost of import of sugar during 1986-87 is provisionally estimated at Rs. 220 crores. The foreign exchange earned through export of sugar during the year was valued at Rs. 18.50 crores.

Afforestation- programme by NWDB

1040. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Notional Waste land Development Board (NWDB) has laonched afforestation programme to ourage individuals to participate in the 'Forest Plantation Drive all over the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the total acreage of land covered under, this programme so far?

THE MINISTER Op STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS {SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Participation by individuals in. the afforestation programme is an important element of the Twenty Point Programme. The National Wastelands Development Board also recommended to the States/ UT Governments to device schemes for making land available to rural poor and encourage them to plant trees on such lands by giving usufruct and ownership rights on the planted trees..

(c) The number of seedling distributed Under Farm Forestry component of the Twenty point Programme and the national area on which tree planting has been done during the 6th Plan and in 1985-86 are given below:

Period	No of seedlings distributed lash)	National areas in lakh ha. in
6th Plan	38000	19
1985-86	' 139	6.96

Instant Tea Project, Jorhat

1041. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Instant Tea Projec, sponsored by the Tea Board at Toklai Tea Research Association at Jorhat, has been closed;

(b) whether the Project is likely to be sold out to the Vice-Chairman of the Tea Board; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken for the re-employment of the skilled and other employees of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) A decision had been taken for transfer/ sale of the Tea Board's pilot plant for instant tea at Tocklai with a view to making available the know-how to intending entrepreneurs in India. Details are under finalisation.

Organisation of cultural fairs by the ITDC

1042. SHRICHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the cultural fairs that have been organised by the ITDC in its various hotels and also participation by the ITDC in various food festivals in India and